**Hindi Training of Typists and Stenographers**

†3917. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of such typists and stenographers under their Ministry/Department and subordinate offices who have not taken training in Hindi typing and stenography so far;

(b) the reasons for not giving them such training so far; and

(c) by when it is planned to give them such training?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Outcome of Dialogue on CPC Amendment**

3918. SHRI GANDHI AZAD : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of the outcome of the dialogue between the members of the Bar Association and Government regarding CPC Amendment Act?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : In a meeting with the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 25-02-2000 the leaders of the Bar put forth as one of their demands that the amendments to the Civil Procedure Code be notified only after discussions with the Bar. The Government has accepted this demand and invited the Bar Council of India for such a discussion. The Bar has not yet responded to the invitation.

**Constitution Scrap Call By RSS Boss**

3919. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Statesman dated 13th March 2000 entitled "Constitution scrap call by RSS boss", and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government does not intend to scrap the Constitution.

**Conversion of Co-operative Bodies into Banks**

3920. SHRI SHIBU SOREN :

DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY

SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA :

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to convert co-operative bodies into companies;

(b) it so, what are the factors responsible for taking this decision;

(c) by when the proposal would take off;

(d) the details of the Committee, if any, appointed for the purpose; and

(e) by when the Committee will submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : (a) to (e) The Government had, on 1-11-1999, appointed a High Power Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Y.K. Alagh, an eminent Economist and a former Union Minister to examine framing a legislation which would enable incorporation of cooperatives as companies, conversion of existing cooperatives into companies and ensuring that the proposed legislation accommmodates the unique elements of cooperative business within a regulatory framework similar to that of private limited companies.

The Committee consisted of following persons :

(1) Dr. Y. K. Alagh, Economist —Chairman

(2) Shri Bhagat Singh, Additional Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation —Member